

PFOA in our WATER

Please Forgive Our Antipathy....

Regarding the CANCELLATION AND PROMISED RESCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INVESTIGATION into POISONING community and its CHILDREN.

I recently was asked to "email" all of you. In regards to mine and my community's concerns and issues surrounding WATER CONTAMINATION in the town of Hoosick Falls and related areas. An email is not sufficient so please sit down, grab a cup of coffee or glass of water and READ CAREFULLY this LETTER of caution and plea of help. Enjoy the privilege and peace of mind, while drinking your beverage it is absent of PFOA, CHEERS!

The Parents, grandparents and CHILDREN of both Hoosick Falls and surrounding area's demand public hearings on both STATE AND FEDERAL levels to determine why we were not informed and protected immediately when the chemical PFOA was discovered by the NYS Department of Health, Department of Environmental Conservation , EPA and the Local Village Leaders

The Parents, Grandparents and CHILDREN of both Hoosick Falls and the growing contaminated surrounding area's demand and request Legislation of SENATE BILL S.6824. This bill would allow individuals who have been sickened by exposure to toxic chemicals, to bring personal injury suit within three years of the time an area is linked to the contamination and designated as a superfund site. Under current State Law, the three year statute of limitations has already expired as it was supposeably not known that, illnesses may be linked to the chemical. My son, my husband, my family, personally affected are in need of this, along with many many others.

The denial of this contamination and the posioning of this community, from the DOH, EOEC, EPA and Local Leaders extends will be proved, has been known over the last several years. Our patients for acute ignorance is depleted due to the current acute health scares communities children. The lack of response and responsibly of the State and Local Governmental officials, is as repulsive as the thought of our children becoming ill and dying in a few years.

The Town and its community has had a few meetings now, especially with the recent release of blood levels off the charts. We would of thought and had hoped that someone from the DOH or Government could have participated with a little show of concern. But we expected at least a Representative from there to answer questions like the danger of immunizations the people now face. PFOA compromise and weakened the immune system. How now do we safely immunize ourselves our children from Measles, Chicken Pox, small Pox? How do we safely immunizes the elder if their immune systems might not be able to fight off the Flu immunizations. Imagine the outrage of people furtherly in jeopardy when they realize this? Disappointing but yet a surprisingly motivating show of ignorance that provoked an itch we need to scratch. With pleasure and do not underestimate our current ability to share a little knowledge and seek PUBLICLY some education.

A little of my personal experience with the consequence of the contamination over the past 6 years. I lost my husband in 2010 to a rare acute cancer, one similar to a lot of people who ingested PFOA's and other chemicals from the Hoosick Falls water. Recently my son who is 10 years old, had suspicious swollen lymph nodes abnormally and without reason. Back in August we found the first, the doctors were monitoring it by ultrasound. After the second ultrasound of the month, an additional two suspicious swollen nodes found, and additional growth in size. It was decided to remove and biopsy. Nodes/tumors, tomato/tomato just the same to the DOH, St Gobain and Honeywell. Now that my child and many others in the community are and have been displaying similar symptoms of unexplained swollen "lymph nodes," and is facing biopsy, WE demand answers and explanation. Most importantly, appropriate medical health care and monitoring. We demand EDUCATION and COMPENSATION regarding the apparent mutation's and health issue's of the communities offspring! Take a look at social media, further your education, hope you have a strong stomach. It is a pool of information, knowledge, resources! Including lists of names, blood level results and future and past sickness of the people affected by chemical exposure, ill with cancer or already died from it.

As mother's we have to contemplate seeing our child suffer the horrific illness and inhumane senseless deaths like to many others, including my late husband. We do not even let animals in this country die such a painful horrific slow agonizing death. Words can not describe what that feels like, however if you need a visual, Youtube slow death by body shutting down". What are these tumors, and don't bite the hand that feeds you, but die from the hand that waters you? We deserve answers, and at minimal, compensation to remove the financial burdens both our future health care and current property asset losses. People should not even be able to witness someone die in such a manner as my late husband did. It took two weeks for his body to shut down. After 5 months of chemotherapy he endured terminal damage to his heart. No mother should ever have to fear facing that illness and death for their child! Especially without merit, justification or explanation. Enough is enough. Concern of my late husbands subtype of hairy cell type leukemia being a negative medical factor. Fear of a repeated Vietnam Agent Orange type of health consequence in our own backyards while you all sit turning blind eyes.

Leaving the community and their families to quietly suffer the medical consequences and aftermath of those exposures. Along with the ailments the already sick and deceased suffered? Well, this is not 1960 anymore Senate. Knowledge is power, the media is more powerful and scared widows and mothers, with unexplained sick children is to be feared! What else Congressman will we have to LOSE as a result of the PFOA contamination and water crisis? We have lost family, our homes, our future financial means to care for my children, our security, our identities, our dignity and now fearful of losing our children.

Again let me reiterate what the final issue is warranting reaching out to the public for help. Immunization Risk and sick CHILDREN proven from ingesting and basic contact with those chemicals. Do know as you already do and denied, these children will eventually develop illnesses and cancer. Do not expect silence from me or the communities of Hoosick Falls, Petersburg, North Bennington. We are not an employee of DOH or State Assembly, nor a team

players, fortunately and apparently we were not picked for your team. We do not and will not tolerant man and or Government playing God with the lives of our CHILDREN. Especially for your common thread; avoidance of truth, responsibility, accountability and greed! Maybe it is time for media to research and ask questions considering children are now reporting being affected by these PFOA ! Children don't choose to go to war, they don't choose to risk illness, harm or death for their countries political mishaps, mistakes and bullshit. Our children don't deserve the same inadequate in human dishonorable treatment given to their already dead family members, while they are forced to spend their childhood ill, watching their mommies cry out of grief and guilt, victimized and poisoned!

Our Town, our community and our CHILDREN are in dire need of help, appropriate medical care, financial compensation and ability to move on and start life over, heal and grow. Not only in need of but what is right and what we deserve, but to breathe again and allowed to live our life, absent of PFOA and illness.

Sincerely

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